

65 Swanwick Manor (Rogers House)  
Landers Lane  
Near New Castle, Delaware

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SWANWICK MANOR  
Landers Lane, New Castle, New Castle County, Delaware

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Owner: Swanwick Company, Wilmington, Delaware

Date of Erection: 1820

Present Condition: Fair, but rundown. Few changes from original appearance.

Number of Stories: Two and a cellar below ground level.

Materials of Construction: Brick walls stuccoed. Rather flat roofs tinned. Wood beam and floor construction.

Other existing Records: Bennett's Early Architecture of Delaware; Measured Drawings by E. Pope Barney, published in Architectural Forum, August, 1928. Offices of Recorder of Deeds and Register of Wills of New Castle County.

Additional Data: This house is without precedent in Delaware architecture. It is not the mansion type of England but the villa type of Continental Europe, a new importation. It is sophisticated and calls for a designer (unfortunately at this time unknown). It is coherent and belongs to the drawing board school of design. Note the flat, broad pierpilasters, emphasizing the corners, also the central entrance pavilion on the north west front and the south east front with its intermediate flat pieces giving end pavilion suggestions. Note also in contrast to the vertical lines, and the piers, the effective fret work band course, dividing the building in a high lower story and an attic, remarkably well proportioned and giving emphasis to the restful horizontal lines. The character given to the front entrance by its apsidal porch, and to the garden entrance with the concave porch is marked, as in the contrast between the horizontal trend of the attic windows with the vertical oblongs of the sash and blinds of the first story windows. The roof is low and hipped at the ends. The barn and out buildings are in character with the main buildings and in their way, quite as good, and as sophisticated in their simplicity. Note the general mass of this building with gable chimneys, not an unusual colonial treatment, but here not at all colonial in character. Note here as in the other building, the contrasts between voids and solids, and the character given by the slightly sunk panels.

Approved

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